

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 626  
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Derrick Barton of  
Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Derrick Barton; and

WHEREAS, Derrick Barton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a professional tennis player of exceptional talent, Derrick Barton played on Great Britain's Davis Cup Team, and he played in the Wimbledon and French Open tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton served in the British Army during World War II, fighting to protect the principles of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, moving to the United States in the 1940s, Mr. Barton started coaching tennis at Davidson College in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Derrick Barton then moved to Memphis to serve as the University Club tennis pro, and he coached the tennis team at Rhodes College; he also founded his own company, Derrick Barton Construction, which builds and constructs tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, affectionately called "Old Bean," Mr. Barton retired in 1983 after many years of dutiful service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton was inducted into the Tennessee Tennis Hall of Fame in 1999, serving as a testament to his abilities as a coach and his dedication to tennis in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Barton always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Derrick Barton is survived by his loving wife, Amelia Floyd Barton; two daughters, Margaret Barton Chancey and Amy Barton Greer; two grandsons; and a sister, Irene Allies-West; and

WHEREAS, Derrick Barton epitomized the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Derrick Barton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Barton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.